

# OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2006 EXPENDITURE	FY 2007 APPROPRIATION	FY 2008 REQUEST	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2008
Defender Services	\$ 26,221,775	\$ 28,096,320	\$ 47,879,035	\$ 29,289,104
Federal Grants	0	125,000	125,000	125,000
Legal Defense and Defender Fund	1,205,707	1,972,829	2,972,829	2,976,491
Homicide/Conflict of Interest Cases	<u>2,241,104</u>	<u>2,241,502</u>	<u>12,575,502</u>	<u>2,241,502</u>
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 29,668,586	\$ 32,435,651	\$ 63,552,366	\$ 34,632,097
PERSONAL SERVICE				
General Revenue Fund	22,711,058	24,859,129	36,456,788	25,604,904
Legal Defense and Defender Fund	53,516	122,073	122,073	125,735
EXPENSE AND EQUIPMENT				
General Revenue Fund	5,751,821	5,478,693	23,997,749	5,925,702
Legal Defense and Defender Fund	1,092,201	1,819,276	2,819,276	2,819,276
PROGRAM SPECIFIC DISTRIBUTION				
Federal Funds	0	125,000	125,000	125,000
Legal Defense and Defender Fund	<u>59,990</u>	<u>31,480</u>	<u>31,480</u>	<u>31,480</u>
TOTAL	\$ 29,668,586	\$ 32,435,651	\$ 63,552,366	\$ 34,632,097
General Revenue Fund	28,462,879	30,337,822	60,454,537	31,530,606
Federal Funds	0	125,000	125,000	125,000
Legal Defense and Defender Fund	1,205,707	1,972,829	2,972,829	2,976,491
Full-time equivalent employees	558.01	560.13	774.38	560.13

\* Does not include \$1,415,500 recommended in the Fiscal Year 2007 Supplemental Appropriations, including \$415,500 general revenue. See the Supplemental section of the Missouri Budget for details regarding Office of the State Public Defender supplemental appropriations.

## OFFICE SUMMARY

The Sixth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution assures that no person accused of a crime and unable to pay for legal assistance shall face trial without counsel. Established in 1982, the Office of the State Public Defender exists as a system for providing defense services to every jurisdiction within the state by means of a centrally administered organization having a full-time staff. The State Public Defender System fulfills the constitutional guarantee of legal counsel for persons accused of criminal offenses in Missouri's 45 judicial circuits (embracing 114 counties and the City of St. Louis). Functioning as an independent department of the Missouri judicial branch, the Office of the State Public Defender is charged with providing legal defense for indigents accused of criminal offenses. Governor Blunt's Fiscal Year 2008 budget provides a total of \$34.6 million for the Office of the State Public Defender.

### Fiscal Year 2008 Governor's Recommendations

- \$1,000,000 other funds for the Legal Defense and Defender Fund.
- \$447,009 for increased costs due to caseload growth.
- \$749,437 for pay plan, including \$745,775 general revenue.